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U.S. Labor Department's MSHA seeks to hire mine inspectors *Inspector positions available in Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) today announced the availability of additional coal mine inspector positions for duty stations in Craig, Delta and Denver, Colo.; Aztec, N.M.; McAlester, Okla.; Price, Utah; and Gillette, Wyo. Interested citizens should register and apply online through MSHA's Web site prior to the March 30 deadline.

"MSHA is seeking motivated professionals dedicated to helping our agency to protect the health and safety of working miners," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "We're looking for qualified people who will continue to make safety the number one priority for the mining industry."

Under the agency's ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program, MSHA will conduct on-site applicant screenings to test and interview registered applicants interested in any of the position locations. Employment screenings will be held in Poteau, Okla., on April 20 and 21; Craig, Colo., on April 24 and 25; and Helper, Utah, on April 27 and 28. Space will be limited.

To register, go to www.msha.gov and click on "Jobs at MSHA." Select vacancy announcement number MSHA-07-036-D9 (applicable for all three screenings listed above) and follow the instructions for submitting an application. Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, which will be determined by the dates applications are received and processed through the Web site.

Applicants should indicate the locations for which they are interested in applying and whether or not they are claiming veteran's preference. Applications that do not include phone numbers, addresses, and/or information on citizenship and basic qualification requirements cannot be considered. Each applicant should bring photo identification and a complete resume to the applicant screening.

All applicants will be notified of test results. Selected candidates will participate in a formal two-year training program. They should be able to perform arduous duties and can expect a starting annual salary of about \$43,000. In addition to a 40-hour workweek with generous annual, sick and holiday leave, selected candidates are offered health, life and long-term care insurance; a stable retirement program, including a tax-deferred savings plan; travel reimbursement; and flexible spending accounts for medical and dental expenses.

MSHA is the federal agency charged with inspection of mining operations nationwide for adherence to regulations designed to protect the safety and health of working miners.

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